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1. (C) SUMMARY: A BITTERLY ANTI-JAPANESE PRESS AND PUBLIC FUROR HAS BEEN BUILDING UP IN KOREA OVER THE PAST WEEK. COMMENTS MADE TO THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN JAPAN BY JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI ON NOVEMBER 21 EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF KIM DAE JUNG [illegible] BY THE LOCAL PRESS TO CHARGE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (AND PRESS) WITH GROSS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH KOREA. SEVERAL MEETINGS SPONSORED BY RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN SEOUL TO PROTEST JAPANESE INTERFERENCE IN KOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AND MORE ARE PLANNED, AS WELL AS AT LEAST ONE DEMONSTRATION.

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END SUMMARY.

3. (C) OVER THE PAST WEEK A PRESS AND PUBLIC FUROR HAS BEEN BUILDING IN KOREA OVER ALLEGED INTERFERENCE BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE JAPANESE PRESS IN ROK INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO THE KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE CHUNG) CASE. THE OUTBURST WAS TRIGGERED BY THE NOVEMBER 21 INITIAL COURTESY CALL OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN CHOI KYUNG-ROK (M-R: CH'OE KYONG-NOK) UPON JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI. FOLLOWING THE CALL A BRIEF PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED WHICH STATED THAT SUZUKI HAD ASKED AMBASSADOR CHOI TO CONVEY GOJ CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF KIM DAE JUNG TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

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QUOTING AN UNIDENTIFIED DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, ONE ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT SUZUKI CALLED IN AMBASSADOR CHOI TO MAKE

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"VERBAL THREATS" TO THE EFFECT THAT IF KIM DAE JUNG WERE EXECUTED THERE WOULD BE A DRASTIC CURTAILING OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE ROK AND IT MIGHT BE "INEVITABLE" THAT JAPAN WOULD EXPAND ITS RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. ANOTHER ARTICLE TOOK THE GOJ TO TASK FOR CONTINUING TO PRESS THE ROKG FOR A COPY OF THE VERDICT IN THE FIRST KIM TRIAL DESPITE KOREAN REFUSAL TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE. A KOREA HERALD EDITORIAL ON NOVEMBER 23 ASSERTED THAT "IT SEEMS TO BE A GROTESQUE FAD FOR SOME NOSY AND HIGH-HANDED JAPANESE TO MEDDLE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NATIONS AND PEOPLES WHOM THEY HOLD IN LOW ESTIMATION WITH NO JUSTIFICATION." OTHER ARTICLES HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PARTIALITY OF THE JAPANESE PRESS, EXTENSIVELY REPORTING DEMANDS BY ANTI-ROK JAPANESE ORGANIZATIONS THAT KIM'S LIFE BE SPARED WHILE IGNORING RIGHTIST ORGANIZATION DEMANDS THAT KIM BE EXECUTED. ONE WRITER SAW "MORE THAN A HINT OF LINGERING COLONIAL THINKING IN THE WAY JAPAN AND ITS PRESS ARE HANDLING THE KIM CASE."

4. (U) THE LOCAL PRESS HAS ALSO GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO SEVERAL MEETINGS WHICH HAVE PROTESTED JAPANESE INTERFERENCE IN KOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ON NOVEMBER 23 THE KOREAN CHUNDOGYO (HEAVENLY WAY) CHURCH (A RELIGIOUS GROUP WITH A JINGOIST REPUTATION DATING BACK TO THE COLONIAL ERA) ADOPTED A FIVE-POINT RESOLUTION WHICH INTER ALIA CALLS UPON JAPAN TO STOP INTERFERING IN KOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND TO CHANGE ITS DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES TOWARD KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN. AT A LARGE INDOOR MEETING HELD IN SEOUL ON NOV. 23 SPONSORED BY THE HAN (KOREAN) THOUGHT RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND SEVERAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS, SPEAKERS REPORTEDLY CALLED

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UPON KOREANS TO REINFORCE THEIR SENSE OF NATIONAL
IDENTITY AND NOTED THAT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WERE
ATTEMPTING TO ENCROACH UPON THE ROK'S SOVEREIGNTY AND
INDEPENDENCE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS SIMILAR MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD IN TAEGU ON NOV. 26 AND IN KWANGJU ON NOV. 27.
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(THE LOCAL PRESS HAS ALSO BEEN CRITICAL OF RECENT US PRESS TREATMENT OF CURRENT ROKG POLICIES INCLUDING THE KIM CASE, PARTICULARLY NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.)

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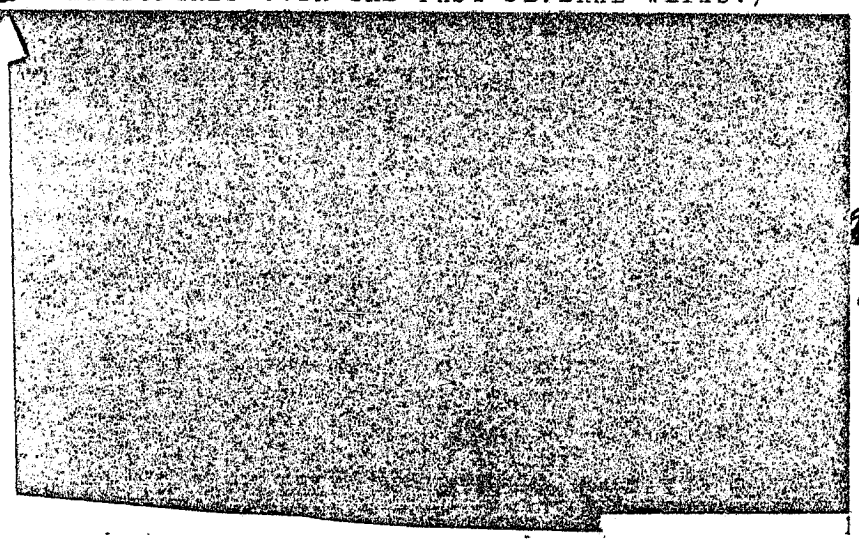

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